

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PAYING TRIBUTE TO MS. PAULINE OLIVEROS ON THE OCCASION OF HER 80TH BIRTHDAY

HON. MAURICE D. HINCHEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 27, 2012

Mr. HINCHEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the lifetime achievements of my friend and constituent, Pauline Oliveros on the occasion of her 80th birthday. Ms. Oliveros is an internationally recognized visionary composer, performer, professor and humanitarian. She is also the Founder and Executive Director of the Deep Listening Institute in the City of Kingston, NY. Her career spans more than five decades of revolutionary music-making and her lifetime contribution to the arts has influenced the way in which we understand music and the many facets of sound. I am proud to honor Ms. Oliveros for her 50 years of inspiring dedication to musical innovation.

Ms. Oliveros began her career in the 1950s where she was part of a circle of iconoclastic composers, artists and poets gathered together in San Francisco. She represented the United States at the 1970 World's Fair in Osaka Japan and was honored in 1985 with a retrospective at the Kennedy Center for Performing Arts in Washington, D.C. She is also a Distinguished Research Professor of Music at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and a Darius Milhaud Composer-in-Residence at Mills College in Oakland, California. Ms. Oliveros relocated to Ulster County in the early 1980s in order to become an independent composer, performer and consultant. She has written several books, formulated new theories of music and investigated new ways to focus attention on music including her concepts of "Deep Listening" and "Sonic Awareness." Since the 1960s, Ms. Oliveros has deeply influenced American music through her work with improvisation, meditation, and electronic music.

Most notably, Ms. Oliveros is the founder of the Deep Listening Institute, aimed at fostering a unique approach to music, literature, art, and meditation. The Institute promotes innovation among artists and audiences in creating, performing, recording and educating with a global perspective. The Deep Listening Institute has received several grants to bring the innovative Adaptive Use Musical Instruments program to children with disabilities in Ulster County. The Adaptive Use Musical Instruments program is a software application allowing people with limited mobility to create music.

In addition to these notable endeavors, Ms. Oliveros was awarded the prestigious John Cage award from the Foundation of Contemporary Arts for her outstanding achievement in the arts. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I join the Foundation of Contemporary Arts in honoring and celebrating Pauline Oliveros on the occasion of her 80th birthday and formally recognizing her profound lifetime

contribution to American music and the power of sound.

RECOGNIZING THE OUTSTANDING SERVICE OF COLONEL NICHOLAS F. MARANO ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

HON. DARRELL E. ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 27, 2012

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the military service of Colonel Nicholas F. Marano on the occasion of his retirement from the United States Marine Corps. I commend Colonel Marano's career and offer my sincerest thanks for his 32 years of dedicated service in protecting our nation.

Colonel Marano enlisted in the Marine Corps Reserve in March of 1980 and served as a rifleman in the 2nd Battalion, the 25th Marines prior to graduation from St. Joseph's University. In January 1985, he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant and designated an infantry officer assigned to 3d Battalion, 9th Marines on board Camp Pendleton, California. There he served as a Platoon Commander, Company Executive Officer, and Company Commander. In September 1988, he transferred to 1st Reconnaissance (Recon) Battalion where he served as a Reconnaissance Marine and graduated as an Officer Honor Graduate at the U.S. Army Ranger School (Class 10-89). Throughout his career he has been deployed to Germany, Republic of Georgia, Kosovo, Albania, Italy, and several times to Iraq in support of combat operations.

Colonel Marano retires from his post of Commanding Officer of Marine Corps Base (MCB) Camp Pendleton California. As Commanding Officer of MCB CampPen, Colonel Marano was in charge of overseeing the operational and logistical responsibility of supporting more than 72,067 scheduled training events in the mobilization and deployment of numerous Camp Pendleton based operating force units to include the 1st Marine Division, the 1st Marine Logistics Group, and the 3rd Marine Air Wing occupying over 125,000 acres of land. Colonel Marano's hard work and dedication aided the Corps in providing continuous, uninterrupted support, in a time of war, to Marines and Sailors of the First Marine Expeditionary Force (I MEF).

The legacy that Colonel Marano has left behind is a true testament to his commitment to the United States Marine Corps and to our country and will have lasting impact on MCB CampPen.

I offer Colonel Marano my warmest congratulations and hope that he enjoys a rich and rewarding retirement knowing that his years of service will not be forgotten by those he led.

RECOGNIZING APRIL AS PARKINSON'S AWARENESS MONTH

HON. PETER T. KING

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 27, 2012

Mr. KING of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of April as Parkinson's Awareness Month. It is essential to take this time to promote awareness, share information on the disease, and continue to work towards a cure.

Parkinson's disease is the second most common neurodegenerative disease in the United States. It is a chronic, progressive neurological disease for which there is no therapy or drug to halt its progression, let alone a cure.

According to the National Institutes of Health, the four primary symptoms of Parkinson's are tremor or trembling, rigidity the limbs and trunk, slowness of movement, and impaired balance and coordination. As these symptoms become more pronounced, it may become more difficult for one to walk, talk or perform other tasks. Parkinson's disease usually affects people over the age of 50 and symptoms may progress more rapidly in some cases than in others. Diagnosis is generally based on medical history and a neurological examination.

It is estimated that there are between 500,000–1,500,000 Americans living with Parkinson's. Furthermore, the aging baby boomer population will likely increase that number. Although significant research advancements have been made, additional research is required to understand the underlying causes and to discover improved treatments.

As a co-chair of the Congressional Caucus on Parkinson's disease, it is my privilege to work with the tireless advocates in the Parkinson's community. I thank them for their hard work and dedication to understanding and eradicating this disease.

RECOGNIZING RUTH GURUSAMY ON BEING NAMED THE U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION'S WOMEN IN BUSINESS CHAMPION OF THE YEAR FOR 2012

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 27, 2012

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Ruth Gurusamy for receiving the U.S. Small Business Administration's 2012 Women in Business Champion of the Year award. Ruth is the owner of Gurusamy, Inc., or Health Services of the Pacific (HSP), and has many years of outstanding business leadership and community involvement on Guam.

With more than 20 years of experience working as a nurse, Ruth founded HSP in

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